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Examiner Phuongchau Ba Nguyen

In Re: Russ Tuck et al.
Case: P4508
Serial No.: 09/854,234
Filed: 05/10/01
Subject: Apparatus and Methods for Efficient Multicasting of Data Packets

To the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Response C

In the claims:

All of the claims pending for examination are presented below. Claims 10, 21 and 24 are currently amended in the present response. Claim 15 is herein canceled.

1. (Previously Amended) In a fabric card having multiple ports, one or more multicast-capable ports for replicating multicast data packets comprising:
- at least one ingress path into the port for receiving the data packets;
 - at least one egress path out of the port for outputting data packets; and